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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON OAS CICTE VI DELEGATION PREPARATION

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¶1. (U) This message is Sensitive But Unclassified. Please treat accordingly.

¶2. (SBU) On March 10, P/ECouns and PolOff met with and conveyed reftel points (without leaving points behind) to Joy Wheeler, Director, Caribbean and Americas Department, and A'Dale Robinson, Americas Desk Officer, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT).

¶3. (SBU) P/ECouns asked whether Jamaica would be sending a delegation and, if so, who would head the delegation. Wheeler responded that Jamaica plans to send a delegation; however, it has not yet been determined who will make up that delegation. Wheeler stated that the delegation would likely include a Minister (perhaps the Minister of National Security) and one other person (who likely would also be from the Ministry of National Security). Wheeler agreed to inform Post once a determination has been made.

¶4. (SBU) P/ECouns also asked whether Jamaica would contact other CARICOM nations to build a consensus regarding CICTE VI. Wheeler responded that other CARICOM nations would be consulted on the issues to ensure that the CARICOM regional interests are covered, but that they would not necessarily seek to reach a consensus on the issues.

¶5. (SBU) In a follow-up telephone conversation on March 14, Robinson told PolOff that Jamaica has not yet ratified the Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism (Convention). The Convention is currently under review by the Attorney General who will give his comments to the Cabinet. Upon receiving the Attorney General's comments, the Cabinet will review the Convention and decide whether it should be ratified. According to Robinson, these are just formalities and they foresee ratification of the Convention, although he could not give a specific timeline.
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